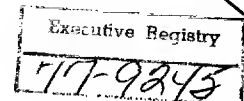# THE SECRETARY'S OPEN FORUM

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September 20, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Admiral Turner:

I would like to invite you on behalf of the
membership of the Open Forum to address the employees
of the Department of State, AID, ACDA, and USIA under
our auspices.  While I would hope not to limit what
you might want to talk about, I would suggest touching
on  relations between the Agency and the Department
of State, the parallel and conflicting interests of
the intelligence and diplomatic communities, and what
we can all do to improve our working relationship in
our common cause.

The Open Forum is a membership organization whose
goals are to foster openness, creativity, discussion
and dissent in the foreign policy process.  We seek
to further these ends through meetings with distinguished
outside voices, our own discussion and working groups,
and memoranda and policy papers to the principals of
the Department.

If acceptable to you I would like to include our
customary question and answer session following your
remarks.  Our meetings with speakers are open only to
employees of the four public foreign affairs agencies
and are strictly off the record.  If it would help you
make your points we can also classify the session and
ask for State Department ID at the door, if this level
of security is enough.

We usually have a small luncheon with specialists
interested in the field following our speaker session,
and hope you could join us for this as our guest also.

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We look forward to an opportunity to meet with you. I think it would be a good chance to reach the "troops" in the foreign affairs community, both to tell them of your concerns and to hear theirs.

Sincerely,

Douglas Sheldon Kinney
Chairman

cc: INR - Mr. Saunders

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